



"THE GANG TURNED OUT"—When officer candidates of The Infantry School here are commissioned, it's not an uncommon sight to see wives, sweethearts and high ranking officers present for the ceremony. But when Donald J. Stevens, of Houston, Texas, and a former scout commissioner in New Haven, Conn., received his gold bars, youngsters from Fort Benning were there to see their idol commissioned. During his spare moments as a sergeant in the 176th Infantry and later as an officer candidate, Stevens coached the boys' athletic teams. Shown in the group (kneeling) are, left to right: Edwin Passaluniga, James Higgins, Sonny Freeman, Mike Heraty and Dale Hilton. Standing: Carl Slaughter, Donald MacKay, Joe Palumbo, Lt. Stevens, Robert Wiegman, Dave Moffett and Charles Higgins. All are sons of officers. (Official U. S. Army Photo—168th Signal Photo Co.)

Gang Turns Out For New 2d Looie

Congratulating newly commissioned second lieutenants graduating from The Infantry School's Third Student Training Regiment has ranged from generals to sweethearts, but something new was added at the 14th Company graduation when 11 small boys appeared to congratulate their friend and companion, Lt. Donald J. Stevens.

Lawson Flyers Killed in Crash

Two Fort Benning army officers were instantly killed Monday afternoon when their BT-13 plane crashed three and a half miles southeast of Crawford, Ala.

They were: First Lt. Harry Irving Luth, 23, whose wife, Mrs. Audrey Luth, lives at 7 Cooper Creek Road. His home is at 3 Amos Street, West Orange, N. J.

First Lt. William Frederick Angell, 23, whose mother, Mrs. Clayton Angell, lives at 3029 Thirtieth Avenue, South, Birmingham, Ala.

The officers took off from Lawson field on a regulation training flight. The plane crashed occurring at 2 p. m. (CWT). Insofar as it was determined, both men perished instantly.

A board of qualified Army Air Forces officers will investigate and determine the cause of the crash.

IRONIC, AIN'T IT?

For 16 months Pvt. Marlin E. Wertz, Headquarters Company of the 66th Infantry, island hopped throughout the South Pacific. He was in the Fiji and New Zealand. He fought the Japs on Guadalcanal and New Georgia and not once was it necessary for him to report for sick call.

He is in the hospital now. He has the mumps.

Waste Paper and Salvage Day To Be Observed By Post Friday

Waste Paper and Salvage Day will be observed at Fort Benning and throughout the Fourth Service Command Friday in an effort to conserve every possible bit of paper vitally needed for the war effort. Lt. Col. J. D. Rosenberger, post adjutant, announced today.

"It is hoped that during the day a thorough search will be made of Fort Benning for all useless material such as old records, newspapers, books, magazines, out-of-date catalogues and manuals, and directives," Col. Rosenberger said. "All office files, if it is hoped, will be reviewed and stripped of non-essential records."

Indicating the very critical paper shortage now exists, the post adjutant said "The Army Service Forces now are preparing to collect waste paper in the North African and South Pacific combat areas for shipment to paper mills in this country." Some of the paper mills, he added, now are operating on a five-day-a-week basis because of the lack of materials.

Waste paper collected at the post on Friday will be taken to the post salvage yard that afternoon, the Colonel said. At the salvage yard, the paper will be separated, banded and prepared for shipment to paper mills throughout the country.

CRITICAL MATERIAL

After re-processing at paper mills, waste paper is used for such important war purposes as making containers for ammunition carriers, waiting for bullets and shells of all kinds, rocket and grenade cases, and containers for food and medical supplies.

Fort Benning's salvage office shipped more than 700,000 pounds of waste paper to paper mills during the months of June and July, Lt. Arthur C. Stern, post salvage officer, said today.

The shipments totalled 14 freight carsloads, he added, and the government received more than \$7,000 for the paper.

With the post's goal for August 500,000 pounds of waste paper, Lt. Stern said that this figure could be reached with the cooperation of everyone in salvaging every possible bit of material.

"We need such material as ragged and mixed paper, news-

General Walker Praises 36th In Radio Talk

Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, new Commandant of The Infantry School, addressed a nationwide NBC radio-audience Sunday, reporting on his service as commanding general of the 36th Infantry Division during the Italian campaign. He spoke on The Army Hour.

General Walker outlined the varied terrain and weather conditions which the men of the 36th faced and paid tribute to the various arms and services that made up the division. He stated that he had observed a material lowering of the morale and fighting qualifications of the German soldier since last winter, noting that recent captives have been willing to talk freely and admit they have lost the war.

General Walker paid high tribute to the Infantry soldiers of his Division and said that "The roads into Berlin and Tokyo will be carved by the bayonet of the Doughboy."

Following is the text of his address on the Army Hour:

"I am proud to have served with the men of the 36th Division from the landing at Salerno on September 8th, 1943 to June 25th this year. The division had reached a point approximately twenty miles south of Livorno."

RECEPTION PLEASING

"Of more than pleased when I learned that the boys were coming to my graduation," Lieutenant Stevens said. "I have invited them all to spend a summer with me at my camp in Maine after the war."

Lieutenant Stevens, who has been in the army for three years and five months, was a staff sergeant with the 176th Infantry before going to OCS. His home is at 7319 Moline St., Houston, Texas.

Explosion Wrecks Ammunition Dump

An underground magazine housing chemical warfare ammunition and smoke pots in an ammunition dump in the Harmony Church Area of Fort Benning exploded Saturday and resulted in about \$60,000 damage to property and ammunition. Col. Charles M. Crawford, post ordnance officer, said today.

The underground magazine, constructed of steel and covered with about four feet of dirt, was burst by the exploding shells. Investigations by military authorities attribute the cause of the fire to spontaneous combustion which set off one smoke pot and the resultant heat set off other ammunition in the underground igloo.

IGLOO VAULTS

The magazine dump, which consists of many of these underground igloo-type vaults, is located in an isolated area of Harmony Church.

Staff Sergeant John J. Palmer, Co. L, Fourth Infantry, one of the guards who was patrolling the ammunition dump Saturday noticed smoke rising from the ventilator on top of the igloo. Upon investigation and determination that explosions of the chemical warfare materials were going on in the underground cavern, all persons were ordered to keep a safe distance from the underground vault.

RUNS COURSE

Ordinary fire fighting equipment could not be utilized to combat the fire due to the presence of chemical warfare explosives. Military authorities therefore ordered all personnel to keep at safe distances until the explosions had run their course and died out.

Saturday afternoon the principal explosion occurred, and the steel front of the igloo was blown off and three exploding projectiles into neighboring woods, starting several small fires. These were quickly brought under control by the post fire department and military personnel.

Although the explosives in the vault are still smoking, there is no chance of further damage to property from this incident, Col. Crawford said.

G. I. War Bond Salesmen Net \$4,082 In Cash

Seven WACs and a combat infantryman of the Academic Regiment of The Infantry School went up and down pay-lines of regimental units and of WAC Detachments Numbers 1 and 2, selling war bonds on pay-day Monday and came in with \$4,082 in cash.

Cpl. Donald Smith of Headquarters Company visited the WAC pay tables and when the last

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NAZIS LIE IN WAIT

"During this period, the Division was engaged in many varied types of operations. Its landing at Salerno was opposed by German forces which were awaiting on the beaches for the American troops to land."

"Later, the Division was assigned to a mountain sector which required it to operate on mountains as high as 4,000 feet, where there were no roads or trails."

Following the mountain operation...

CONTAINERS NEEDED

Corrugated containers received by units on the post should, if possible, be turned back intact to the salvage office, Lt. Stern stressed. "These containers are badly needed by manufacturers of food and other essential products," he added, pointing out that the government receives \$80 a ton for such containers in contrast to \$23 a ton when the boxes are sold as waste. However, the important thing during the present critical shortage is that re-use of the boxes saves essential time, material and manpower.

"Paper must be clear and dry in order to be salvaged," he said. "It should not be put in trucks with garbage as the paper will be ruined, and the paper



IT WAS OPEN HOUSE at Lawson Field Tuesday and hundreds took advantage of the opportunity to inspect the air base's equipment and watch mass parachute jumping. The above pic was shot as this group thrilled to the sight of a stick of jumpers bailing out of the giant Douglas C-47 overhead. The youngster converting his glasses into improvised binoculars is one of the throng of kiddies making up the guest list. (U. S. Army Air Forces Photo.)

Lawson Field Open House Thrills Hundreds Tuesday

Prof Combat Vets Request Duty Overhere

Twenty-five members of the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School, all back from long service overseas under the troop rotation plan, have applied for return to combat duty.

Fifteen of the volunteers have already been sent back into the field. Of the others, only one, a veteran of Guadalcanal, has been rejected for physical reasons, while PFC Raymond Stanley of Company, must "mark time" until his dental work is completed.

The remaining applicants for a second tour of overseas duty are: S-Sgt. Joseph P. Bumgarner, C Company; T-5 William M. Brewer, Jr., T-5 John J. Winter, Jr., Cpl. George Popovich, Pvt. William A. Keane, Pvt. Joseph E. Melnick and Pvt. Henry R. Mills, E Company. PFC Francis A. Airth, F Company.

Since the rotation system has instituted the regiment has released 891 specialists, technicians, instructors and cademen to line outfits for field duty, sending hundreds of them through the special 30-day non-commissioned officers' course in Harmony Church. Another 600 men will be prepared for overseas movement by September.

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Hundreds of residents of Columbus and Fort Benning participated Tuesday in the celebration of the 37th anniversary of the United States Army Air Forces by attending an Open House tendered by Lawson Field in commemoration of the event.

Townpeople and post personnel took advantage of the courtesy extended by Lt. Colonel John E. Albert, commanding officer, and his staff, and a throng was on hand to inspect the equipment on display and to see the famed Benning Parachute School troopers jump.

Military personnel on hand were impressed by the unusually large number of women attending the Open House. There were also many children, especially young boys, who had a plane admiring the bombers, cargo planes, or pursuists, watching the paratroopers make their jumps, or just stand fascinated as mechanics worked on plane motors behind roof maintenance space.

It looked for a while as if the low ceiling created by a layer of clouds over Lawson Field would cancel the scheduled parachute jumps, but loathe to disappoint the visitors, officials kept in constant touch with the Lawson weather office to ascertain whether the clouds would clear away. The jumps were finally postponed until early afternoon and were finally staged as an entire class of troopers put on a thrilling show for the visitors.

One unscheduled thrill during the morning left the crowd breathless. While waiting for the parachute jumps to start, the guests were spending their time inspecting planes on the ground or watching a C-47 circle around the field to determine whether conditions were satisfactory for a jump when suddenly warning sirens began to wail, fire-fighting apparatus, crash truck, and ambulance, and other equipment swept on the field with firemen donning white asbestos suits.

For a short while, the crowd believed that this was part of the show to demonstrate that Uncle Sam leaves no stone unturned to safeguard his fighting men against possible disaster.

MAKES IT IN

Soon a plane hove into sight, circled about the field to land in the wind, made a safe landing and came to a halt. Only then was it revealed that the pilot of a cross country C-45 plane making a flight from Birmingham, Ala., to Jacksonville, Fla., had radioed the towers that one of his two engines was dead and that he was going to attempt to reach the field.

All in all it was a Roman holiday for the public who got its first inside view of equipment and operations at Lawson Field since its dedication. They were invited, so designed as to give it a first-hand picture of what it takes to supply men and planes in a war of the magnitude of the current one.

The public saw in a close inspection from a reviewing platform the Douglas C-47, commonly known as the "work horse" of the Troop Carrier Command; it saw combat planes and material of the Third Composite Squadron, and there was a steady line of visitors going through the Lawson field hangars, the Link Trainer, the Chemical and Ordnance sections, the Parachute school rigging department where "chutes are packed, and other installations."

For Lawson field's guests, Col. H. E. McCaffrey, post PX officer, made available two mobile post exchanges where candy, peanuts, and soft drinks could be purchased; they were invited to afford themselves of the opportunity.

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2d STR Turning Out OC Classes Once Again

For the second time in less than one year, the Second Student Training Regiment is active as an Officer Candidate Training Unit. After a brief period of serving as a Basic Training Center for ASTP troops, the Regiment is once again commissioning new officers.

On June 21, 1944, the new enlisted cadre and officers began to report for duty. And by July 7, the organization was practically complete.

In command of the new unit is Col. William M. Spauld, Colonel Spauld, a native of South Carolina, entered the Army in 1916 from The Citadel. He served in France during World War I with the 1st Division for approximately two and a half years and saw considerable action. Since that time he has held many important posts in the Army. Before coming to The Infantry School in March, 1943, he commanded the 123rd Infantry at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Colonel Spauld's staff is headed by Lt. Col. Hartwell T. Bynum, who has been appointed executive officer for the regiment. Capt. Claude M. Merrell has been named adjutant and has as his acting assistant adjutant, 1st Lt. James A. Rose.

STAFF NAMED

For the other important positions in his staff, Colonel Spauld has appointed Capt. Guy W. Mack as personnel officer and Capt. Leonard P. Perna as classification officer.

1st Lt. Edward W. Moeller, Jr., has been named regimental special services officer. Capt. Roy W. Kuntz as his assistant. 1st Lt. John C. Swank, Jr., has been made regimental intelligence officer. Capt. M. B. Bjork is the investigating officer.

In charge of regimental mess is 1st Lt. John Gold. Capt. Fred E. Smith is the regimental quartermaster.

The only WAC officer in the regiment so far is 2d Lt. Vivien M. Cocks, who is assigned as personnel officer of the regiment.

Serving as the enlisted cadre for the 2d Student Training Regiment is Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Lt. Steve L. Donchies as its commanding officer.

BATTALION STAFFS

Although the regiment has not completed its quota of officer candidates as yet, the battalion staffs are now complete.

In command of the 1st Battalion is Maj. Gerald P. Shaw. 1st Lt. Roy M. Morse is the executive officer and Capt. William F. Polk, the adjutant for the battalion. 1st Lt. Lyman C. R. Watson has been named as mess officer.

For the 2d Battalion, Maj. William F. Patton, the commanding officer, has Maj. Fred O. Barber as his executive officer. Capt. Jeremiah C. Learning as adjutant, and 1st Lt. Bernard Uman, Jr., is the mess officer.

The 3d Battalion is commanded by 1st Lt. Carter L. Hilsabeck. Maj. Harry M. Craig is the executive officer. Adjutant for the Battalion is Capt. Edgar A. Noel. 1st Lt. Willard W. Hawke serves as mess officer.

4TH BATTALION

Maj. John G. MacFarlan is in command of the 4th Battalion and Maj. Joe B. Earle is executive officer. Capt. Joseph P. Withers is adjutant and 2nd Lt. Elmer S. Harber is mess officer.

The 5th Battalion has Maj. Den A. McNeil commanding. His executive officer, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Walker, Jr., as executive officer. The adjutant is 1st Lt. William W. Hawke.

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DR. A. HALKINS

Prof. Halkins Will Speak Here Aug. 4

Professor Abraham Halkin, a prominent Jewish and oriental scholar and outstanding lecturer and educator, is coming to Fort Benning for a special lecture on Friday, August 4. It has been announced by Chaplain Benjamin H. Garellick, Jewish Chaplain at Fort Benning. Professor Halkin is making a lecture tour in the Army camps of the Fourth Service Command and his tour is expected to conclude here.

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'Raw Rookie' Is Now Top Kick Of Regular Army Unit

Fred F. Wirth, who entered the Army as a selectee two years ago from the Bronx, New York, has been named first sergeant of an old Regular Army unit, the parent School for Bakers and Cooks at Fort Benning, Georgia. It was announced today by Lt. Col. Grover M. Ford, commanding officer of the school.

Wirth, who had been a staff sergeant since last September, served as acting first sergeant of the school from January until his appointment this week. He entered the Army May 2, 1942, and came here two months later after completing a cook's course at Camp Lee, Virginia.

In civilian life, Sgt. Wirth was a clerk with the Postal Telegraph Company. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred F. Wirth, live at 2817 Zuleta avenue, The Bronx.

The promotion of S-Sgt. Howard L. Holcomb, of Natchez, Mississippi, to the rank of technical sergeant also was announced by Col. Ford. Sgt. Holcomb is mess sergeant of the school here. Sgt. Wito Bartelucci, of 47 Poplar street, Yonkers, New York, field instructor at the school, was upped to the rank of staff sergeant.

Sgt. Robert M. Gaines, mess sergeant of Bakers and Cooks School, was promoted to sergeant.

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1ST SGT. WIRTH

1st STR Officer Has Led Exciting Fighting Life

Many distinguished officers have been enrolled in the officer advance courses of the 1st Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School, but none has been more colorful than Major Vincent Users, at present a student in the 10th Company, who, during the past 15 years has developed a "hobby" of getting into a fight, no matter what part of the world the scrap was located.

Possessing a personality that has a close resemblance to the popular movie star, Ronald Colman, Major Users although only 5 feet 6 inches in height, and weighing but 160 pounds, has already fought in China, Nicaragua and Spain, and is the proud possessor of various medals including the Marine Corps Expeditionary Force bar, the Cross of Valor from the Nicaraguan Government plus Spanish decorations for bravery during the civil war conflict.

Major Users first encountered combat conditions in 1927 when civil strife in China was aggravated by warring factions and provinces. General Chiang Kai-Shek in his attempt to bring about unification of all Chinese groups was forced to resort to military action. The events which led to the Yangtze situation, involving strong forces of foreign marines who fought Nationalist troops and prevented them from attacking foreign dwellings and Shanghai, set the scene for Major Users prominently associated with the American forces.

Conditions in China became quiet, in fact too quiet for Major Users, but in Nicaragua the government was having considerable

trouble with a rebel leader known as General Augusto Sandino, whose guerrilla warfare not only threatened the Nicaraguan government but also the foreign interests in that country. For two years the 10th Company student of the 1st Student Training Regiment was actively fighting the Sandino forces, and when the activity had ceased, he received the Cross of Valor from the Nicaraguan government and took off for more adventure.

During the late 30's Spain found itself completely divided with political and civil strife running unabated. During the two years that followed the outbreak of the rebellion, Major Users was a member of the Spanish Republican Army and conducted an active battle against the Franco forces. It was during this time that he witnessed the bloody battle of the Ebro River, which during the war was transformed from one of the five important irrigation streams into a watery battlefield and grave for opposing forces.

While on a mission to pick up 200 volunteers in France, his ship, the Ciudad de Barcelona, was torpedoed and sunk by an unidentified craft. On a reconnaissance patrol Major Users was severely wounded and spent a month in a Paris hospital. Following his service in the Loyalist Army, Major Users returned to the United States, and served as an instructor for the New York Police Academy.

Since 1940 the major served with the American forces in Puerto Rico, "storm belt of the Caribbean," as company, and later battalion, anti-aircraft commander. In 1943 he arrived again in the United States, and was commanding officer of the 34th Infantry Battalion before arriving at Fort Benning this month.

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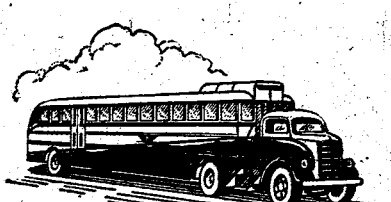
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Choir Members Have Picnic

Music for Main Street Chapel services Sunday will include "Sanctus" by Monson sung by the senior choir with the offertory solo, "Ellie," "Learn It With Him" to be rendered by Lt. Roland Meiners, tenor. The choir will be directed for this service by Miss Rishap Clary, serving for Mrs. J. O. Methvin who is in New York on vacation.

The children's choir will sing "Cayman" with "Happy Voices Singers" at the evening service. Miss Ann Magdon and Miss Cheryl Leedy will direct this group during Mrs. Methvin's absence.

A new member of the junior choir is Jerry Brinkman of New Jersey. New senior choir members include Lt. Ernest R. Stockwell, senior, of White River Junction, Vt., a former member of the University of Vermont Glee Club and choir singer; Lt. Hampton H. Hill, baritone from Brooklyn, N. Y., who belongs to the Park Methodist Church, Brooklyn and CBNY Glee Club; and Miss Mary Ann Galloway, soprano and an experienced pianist.

Dental Officers To Get Free Refresher Course

Officers of the Army's Dental Corps stationed at Fort Benning will welcome the news out of Washington that all such officers who have served 90 days or more on or after Sept. 16, 1940, and who will have been honorably released from active service are to be eligible for postwar refresher courses in their profession at government expense.

Many dental officers, it is believed, upon their discharge from the service will desire refresher training, and, according to a recent interpretation of the Program for Education under Part VIII of Veterans Regulations (a), as amended (Public Law 784, 2nd Sess., 1944), in a letter from the Veterans Administration July 24, 1944, any dental officer who was not over 25 years of age at the time he entered the service shall be deemed to have had his education or training impeded, delayed, interrupted, or interfered with and is eligible to receive a year's (or period less than year) refresher, retraining, postgraduate, or graduate work in a recognized dental school, providing said dental officer has served 90 days or more on or after September 16, 1940, and has been released from active duty under honorable conditions.

The dental officer will receive a stipend up to \$50 per month if single (\$75 if married or with dependents) for a period not to exceed 12 months, and, in addition, the cost of the tuition, instruction, and books will be paid by the Veterans Administration to the institution in an amount not to exceed \$500.

Heir Raid

24-26 JULY '44
Capt. and Mrs. C. E. Smith, 7034 1st St. S.W., Wash., D.C., 20032, were raided by the FBI on July 24, 1944, for alleged possession of stolen goods. The raid was conducted by Agents of the Washington Field Office and resulted in the seizure of various items of clothing and personal effects.

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TRAINERS' LIFE MURALIZED
A mural showing the life of a trainee from the day of induction into the Army until the day when he graduates from the training camp and starts for the front of the war.

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TACTICAL OFFICERS of the 7th Co., 3d Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School had their problems doubled when Marion (left) and James Stephens, identical twins, were assigned to their company as Officer Candidates. The twins, whose home is at 1660 Lanier Place, N.W., Washington, D.C., have served together since their induction. They were formerly students at Louisiana State University. (Official U. S. Army Photo—168th Signal Photo Co.)

Troopers Write Interesting Letters From Normandy Fields

There is something special about a letter from overseas. The very word "CENSORED" stamped across its face, stimulates the imagination, makes the most mundane missive like a vital dispatch from the war-front.

Instructor and Cadetmen at the Parachute School are receiving letters regularly from former buddies now in combat. Added together, these letters describe individual experiences of paratroopers in the Normandy invasion, for example, comprise a glowing chapter on the Alabone phase of this epic operation. For security reasons, and because the fighting still continues, this chapter is not complete. No doubt the full story will be published after the war.

Meanwhile, the closest we can come to an appreciation of conditions in battle is through reading these letters from men who are at the front. Compelling and realistic enough to prod the dull imagination are the following excerpts, picked at random from a swelling mass of letters from paratroopers in combat:

"I landed in about five feet of water and damned near drowned, so you can imagine the mood I was in from the start."

"In fact, Jerry is just about a half-mile down the river from where I am writing this."

"They really take care of you here. Plenty of ammunition, ration, and cigarettes. Yesterday Red and I managed

Reception Center Band Leader Gets Post in Missouri

Warrent Officer Ellis B. Kohn, conductor of the Reception Center Band, left Tuesday for St. Joseph, Missouri, to take over a new assignment. A graduate student at the music school at Harvard University before entering the Army, he went from the 7th Infantry Division to the Army Music School at Ft. Myer, Va., graduating in July, 1942.

He came to Fort Benning in September, 1943 to take over the Reception Center Band. While here he composed "Night Watch," a concerto for flute, kettle drum and horn which was played in a concert in Washington for Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. Later he was awarded the Dutton Fellowship at Columbia University for study following the war.

A native of San Francisco, Mr. Kohn was known for his work on the Pacific Coast and once conducted the San Francisco Symphony as guest conductor, the only man in uniform ever to be accorded the privilege.

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Whether it is handling wire with the 80 Signal Radio Intelligence Company, or singing over the wires via microphone and panel controls, PFC Jack A. Ramsey, 20, vocalizes high, wide and handsome in the army just as he did in his home town of San Francisco as a civilian. In the event there is a doubter on the Post, controls to station WREB, Columbus, at about 6 p. m. on a Thursday night and listen to the proof of the pudding.

Jack feels especially elated to be on the Thursday show this week, for it is the first of a series presented by talent drawn from units of 4th Regt., Special Troops, Second Army. For the occasion he'll pluck ballads of the "My Heart Tells Me" mood and for the sweet lass that listens it's strictly palpitations. Mary Farmer, business from Service Club 1, will be his accompanist. M-Sgt. Morton Daniels, 188 Signal Photo

Company, is acting as official Second Army announcer.
After two years in the army, Jack finds that keeping up with the music is one way to give with the morale; it isn't for the other fellows, then for his own satisfaction. As a civilian he followed the road of chore and flats for some four years, singing on the other ways as well as with name bands such as Herbie Kay, the late husband of sarong supply Doty Lamour, and others. Asking Jack whether he intended to follow music after the war, he replied:
"Wish I knew. Before I married I never thought of doing anything else. But hopping all over the country isn't very pleasant for your wife, so I just drifted out of the business." He wrinkled his forehead for a moment, then went on. "But after singing on station WREB for a few times, the old fever is coming back . . . after the war . . . who can tell?" he concluded.
Anyway, just listen to Jack Ramsey, gals! Believe me, you'll forget about your bobby socks—and Sinatra. . . .
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"He (Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair) was a great soldier and his untimely death will be a great loss to the Army and the Nation."
—JOHN J. PERSHING, General of the Armies of the United States

Lesley McNair Was Peerless Leader

In the untimely death of Lt. General Lesley J. McNair, until a few weeks ago commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, the Army and the Nation has sustained a great loss. Let there be no doubts on that score.

One of the nation's most able and most fearless leaders, General McNair lost his life in action on the Normandy beachhead while observing in action against the Nazis a portion of the ground forces which he had helped to build into a powerful efficient team that it is.

He had just been relieved of his Ground Forces Command for another important assignment, and the announcement of his death following so closely on the heels of the earlier statement that he was on another job proved a distinct shock, not only to Benning soldiers who knew him well, but to the nation as a whole.

General McNair had just cause to be proud of his handiwork in having developed our army to the powerful, smooth machine that it is today. Furthermore he was not content to direct from a swivel chair in Washington; he went to be right up there in the front lines watching it function. As General Marshall declared, had he had the choice, he probably would have died as he did, in the forefront of the fight.

Of course enemy bullets know no chance along with our generals talking their ranks along the rest of the men down through the ranks, it is to be expected that we shall have to sustain the loss of some of our leaders; it is really surprising that the casualty list of American generals is not higher for which we humbly give thanks to Almighty God.

Nevertheless, the passing of General McNair is a bitter pill for all of us to swallow. We wish that he could have remained on the scene to give his wise counsel until the enemy is beaten thoroughly. We wish he could have lived to see the sacrifices of his boys were not in vain and that a lasting peace had been built on their heroism of blood and sweat and tears. We are sure that "his boys" will not let him down and at his own supreme sacrifice will not have been made in vain. Requiescat in pace.

Lean-Cut Honesty or Home-Coming G. I. Joes

Ask G. I. Joe what makes his pulse go up every time he thinks of home. You will get a barrage of answers. Ham and eggs for breakfast, mother's way. See the wife and kids again, oh boy! Baseball on Saturday afternoon, zowie! The old job back again, of course, and a raise.

You'll find that G. I. Joe's mind, under the little strain of mud and blood, has made him realize everything back home. That picture in his breast pocket—it was taken when everyone was smiling, and the smile doesn't come off, that it doesn't come off the picture. All this and their thoughts about home too—they all somehow get framed in the blossoms of Normandy he lies in that hedgerow ditch.

But some G. I. Joes have already come home, and they don't find it quite that way after the at forty-eight hour flush has worn off. Mom ill seems worried. Pop is even more irritable and he used to be. The kids start bawling. And even in the newspapers—strikes in industry, and but not. "Goah, is this the home and country dreamed of?"

So G. I. Joe switches from idealizing to criticizing. The crucial hour for him—and for America—begins. If he gets mentally and spiritually ditched in bogs of grousing, that means at America is in for a pack of trouble. He be-

comes the breeding ground for broken homes, civil war in industry, bitterness and cynicism. But the really happy thing is that G. I. Joe doesn't need to stall there. Some fellows separated from their families for years have found an answer for G. I. Joe. Not—idealize. Not—criticize. But—realize. Realize for one thing, the possibility of clean-cut honesty with wife and kids. Honesty about money, the budget, the job, the in-laws. Honesty about yourself instead of pointing scolding fingers at the other person. Honesty that wins because it warms with real caring. These two things alone—honesty and real caring—can give the family so much to fight for, in themselves and in the country, that they won't waste time fighting against each other. Sounds good, sez G. I. Joe.

'Up Front Urge' Cost Gen. McNair His Life

The urge of Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair to be "up front" with his troops, which resulted in his death in Normandy last week, is demonstrated in a talk which he made before The Infantry School staff and faculty last summer. He was speaking of his observation tour of the North African front, during which he was wounded; General McNair said:

"I want to take the few moments I have this morning to say what I have seen in the North African theater, as it is of interest to this school, in my judgment. In the last war, whenever I had the opportunity of going up to the front lines, I always went up to the front line, because that was where decisions were being rendered; there was the 'proof of the pudding,' not only for the Infantry, but for the arm in which I was most interested during the last war, in the Artillery. It would do me no good, in my judgment, to look in at the CP of an artillery regiment or even of a battalion. The proof of the pudding of the artillery support was out in front where infantry was going forward or was stuck, and I think that same condition holds true today."

Are we out to win the war just to keep our country as it is, or to make it what it CAN be?

Nations unite under great deprivation. An even higher achievement would be to unite for great opportunity—and because we choose to do so, not because we have to.

These times demand that we think like great men while we live like common people.

People seem more concerned with putting over their personality than in building up their character.

Morale—the spirit that keeps you eager to do what's right.

A man is great only when he feels as deeply and acts as courageously as he thinks.

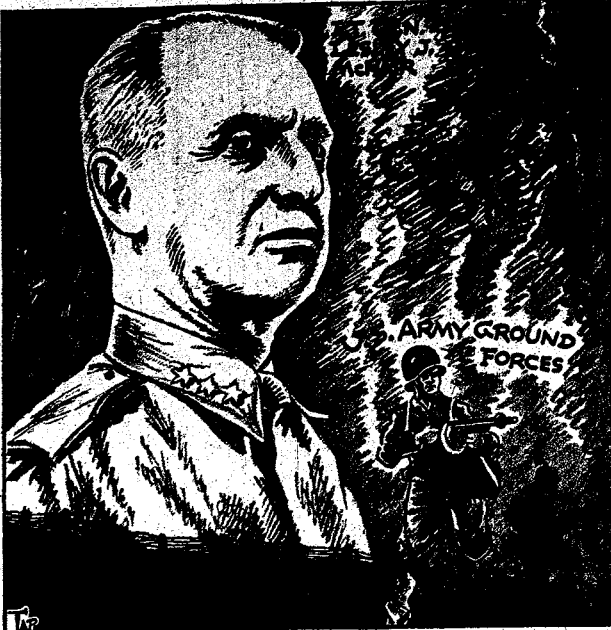
People for whom most anything goes soon will find most everything gone.

It's all right to take people for what they are—if you don't go off and leave them that way.

Our men have fought and bled to make a new world possible. Who of us are going to sacrifice and sweat to make it actual?

Morale are the backbone of the nation. Are we suffering from curvature of the spine?

A dictator is a receiver for a nation gone morally bankrupt.



G.I. HUMOR

A recruit strolled past a Captain without saluting. "Young man!" shouted the officer, pointing to the insignia on his uniform, "did you see this?" "You should complain!" replied the recruit. "Look at the suit they gave me!"

The Mountaineer pappy put a Maxim silencer on his gun because his daughter wanted a quiet wedding.

They say that women are making more money than ever before. But working girls say it's harder today to keep the wolves from the door.

Consolation. No one is entirely useless. . . . Even the worst of us can serve as horrible examples.

"Why do you call her 'checkers'?" "She always jumps when I make a bad move."

Rather startling omission from that "G. I. Bill of Rights" is the right to gripe.

1st G. I.: "Would you marry her just because she's wealthy? Don't you know she has a questionable past?"

2nd G. I.: "Well what of it? If I don't marry her I'll have a questionable future."

By CPL. ARTHUR M. MACCARTHY
By CPL. A. M. MACCARTHY
1st STB.

Several years ago, a very distinguished member of the United States Senate from New England appeared before a legislative committee in the process of hearing the pros and cons on a matter of national importance. During the hearing this veteran member of Congress remarked, "The rank and file of the American public show very little interest in matters of grave national concern. It appears their newspaper interest skip from the front page headlines, thence to the sports page, the movie column, or the comics, in fact at times I'm inclined to feel the average citizen can tell more about the personal life of some movie or baseball star, than they can about matters of grave national concern."

This week we really endorse the opinion of this outstanding member of the Senate, for he was then, and could be this very moment, correct in his judgment of the average newspaper reader's likes and dislikes. We have detected all along, and more so recently, a general let-down on the part of the average reader to keep himself posted on national affairs. It is true that Superman, yesterday's ball game, and tomorrow's movie continue to hold the greater percentage of the reader's allotted newspaper time.

Such conditions are not good. Everyone should devote a substantial portion of their newspaper consumption to subject matter which affects their national welfare. The success and failure of national policy, our national ability to cope with international problems, the rise and fall of monetary values, the appropriate-

From now on, let us realize the success of a nation is determined by the intelligence of its citizens. The future of the United States involves many problems, international and domestic. In order for this nation to proceed with the greatest degree of efficiency, it becomes necessary that the population understand the purpose of government, how it functions, and where they, as individuals, figure in the final results.

Set aside sufficient newspaper time to digest matters of national

Chaplain's Corner

THE ETERNAL WORD
By Chaplain A. B. BULLMAN
3d S. T. R.

A word is defined as "the sign of an idea." Words grouped together in their logical and grammatical connection constitute the intelligible expression of thought from one mind to another. The Bible, the word of God, is the expression of infinite thought to man, in terms of human comprehension.

A word is apparently the most feeble and vanishing of things. Yet, in effect, it is the most powerful and abiding. We may speak a word and say it is gone with the wind, but it is sure to go somewhere. It will return with a blessing or a curse.

Two thousand years ago a little old man, physically deformed, sat in a cold Roman prison cell, writing some well-chosen words on parchment. The government which imprisoned him was the most powerful the world had ever known. One day came a knock on the door; the executioner entered, bound the prisoner, led him out the Appian Way, placed his head upon the block—St. Paul, the great Apostle to the Gentiles, the name of the executioner is unknown. The prison that held him is in ashes and dust. The proud Roman Empire is but a synonym of power today. But the words which Paul wrote in that dungeon on the pieces of parchment still live and across the centuries have brought peace to countless souls. The Man of Galilee said: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

Toward the turn of the last century there was for a season a woful want of Bibles in America caused partly by the prevalent French infidelity and partly by the general religious decline which followed the Revolutionary War. At that period a man went into a bookstore in Philadelphia to buy a Bible. The storekeeper said he did not have a Bible and further added: "There is not a copy for sale in the city, and I can also say in 50 years there will not be a Bible in the world." To this the customer made the strong reply: "There will be plenty of Bibles in the world—thousand years after you are dead and gone to hell."

Today our soldiers are dispersed over the earth and with them is this Eternal Word of God which is a lamp unto their feet, and a light unto their path.

The deeds we do, the words we say—into still air they seem to fleet. We count them ever past. But they shall last, In the dread judgment day And we shall meet.

—Keeble.

and international concern. Read the contents of the national columnists and obtain the cross-section of opinion. By so doing you will become a better informed citizen of this nation, and a vital instrument in our nation's future.

Know your country, and what makes it tick.

G.I. WIFE

WONDERS WHERE WENT THE TIN CANS SHE SAVED FOR WAR EFFORT

Along with some hundreds of other Benning wives who are trying to do their bit in the conservation program, I have been carefully saving grease, tin cans and waste paper, for, according to instructions which are supposed to be posted in each set of quarters on the Post, such things will, said instructions state, be collected on certain days of the week.

Before moving onto the Post, I have saved both grease and cans. The grease, as each receptacle was filled, I patriotically carried to the meat market. The cans I turned over to the small boys in the neighborhood who were faithful in calling for and, I suppose, disposing of them.

Ignorance may be bliss, but it may also lead to a good deal of confusion. There having been no set of instructions left in our quarters, I pondered on the disposal of grease and tin cans, finally calling upon a neighbor for enlightenment. I read the instructions posted on the wall in her kitchen, and returned home to carry them out.

Every empty can was carefully preserved, bottom and top removed, washed, placed inside the can, and the can flattened. It's surprising how rapidly such things as tin cans and waste paper can accumulate. At the end of a couple of weeks I had saved a large sack-

This Kiki'd World

By PVT. G. I. GRIPE

Well, we do have a reader, by golly. Lieutenant in Medical Corps sent us a gripe about the camp being unnecessarily dirty. Says that the men at Benning are pretty careless about the way they toss cigarette butts, papers, and other trash around, making an unsightly mess and a lot of extra and unnecessary work for clean-up details. Says men ought to appreciate a fine spot like this and help keep it clean.

In the 66th Infantry of 71st Division, Sgt. Rosenthal, star, was pretty nervous going through infiltration course (nearly said corpse). So his belt makes it pretty difficult for him to keep his posterior down.

The boys in Co. L of the 66th are looking for a pet con that went AWOL, too. Anybody seen a tame one around looking for hand-outs is advised to call the 66th.

And speaking of lost things, they're holding a set of false teeth at the Athletic Office. Picked them off bottom of Russ pool the other day.

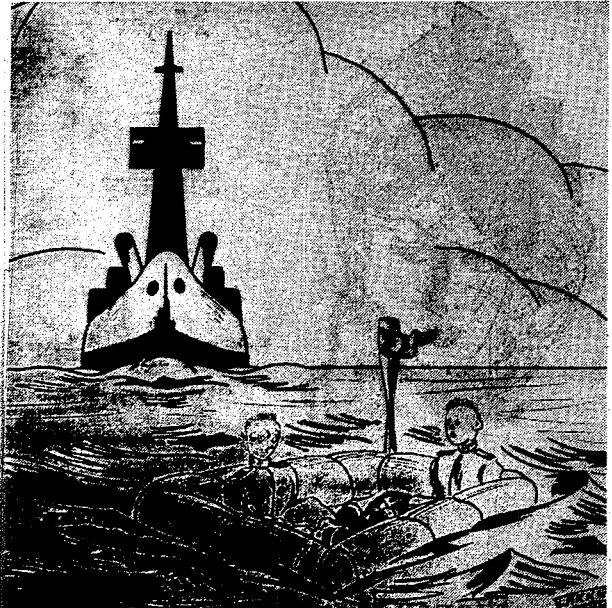
Shewell idea that somebody Battalion—they call it the Saturday Afternoon Activity Society and in their magazine they carry a "membership card" in the organization. One gripe per day man is a junior weeper; two gripes, a senior weeper; three is sob sister and four or better is an expert. Experts are eligible for nomination in the "I'm Being Persecuted" Lodge No. 215.

Rumors that an inspection team was in camp caused an awful lot of G.I.s to put on "dog tags" last week. Wonder how long the thing'll last?

Speaking of dog tags, don't those chains look like necklaces. Remember about time of last war when a guy wore a wrist watch was considered a sissy? Then the war made them popular with the alleged stronger sex. Now we are all going around wearing identification bracelets on our right wrists, too. Even paratroopers wear the darned things. Probably by the next war, we'll be back to wearing ear rings like the platers used to do. I'll get me a nice pair with polka dots in 'em.

Probably hurling gang on Post these days are men in Alabama Training Area. Howard Bus Company deleted its services to the area and there ain't no way whatsoever except walking and trying to thumb the five miles to Main Post. After which it's another couple of miles to bus line.

This story ought to boost WAC recruiting immensely. Paratrooper approached WAC dressed in new off-duty uniform and very seriously inquired: "Ma'am, are we supposed to salute you when you wear that pretty dress?" The WAC replied "Not unless you're



That battleship simply can't be the HMS Duke of York, even if the name on it says so. Der Fuhrer said our submarines sank it last fall.

Western Civilization Has Brought Changes to India

By ALVIN E. BELDEN, MAY, M. C.

Part IV

The Hindu who tends your horse and sheep would revolt at the suggestion of grooming your horse or giving your terrier a bath. The former duty is the function of a low caste man, whilst only scavengers may deal with dogs, which are held to be but one degree less defiling than swine. Perceives, the cat is sacred, and the monkey actually holy. Many temples have enclosures where the sacred monkeys are treated with deference and veneration.

There is no filthier coin in the whole world, than the Indian copper anna. It is often greasy with the foulest dirt and grimy with bits of sticky, licorice flavored tobacco-juice. But it is cleaner than the low caste in his avocation. His touch defiles the Brahmin but the copper does not. Where other nations purify a building with a coat of white-wash, the Hindu plasters them with cow-dung, which is the universal disinfectant of this people who may not sit down to a meal without a preliminary ceremonial ritual bath.

LOW CASTE LOW LOW

The exclusiveness of caste extends much further than this: in the ordinary transactions of life, when money passes between a low-caste and a high-caste man, the coin is tossed on the ground by the one and picked up by the other, for fear of defilement. And during the transaction they may stand on the same carpet or enter the same room. The low-caste man must not cross the threshold of his superior's house or hut; if he wants to attract his attention, or communicate with him, he stands outside and bawls. In some parts of India the sight of a Brahmin coming down the highway used to be a signal for men of lower caste to clear off it.

CHANGES OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS

Within the last 30 years caste has received many rude jars and to a minor degree, is less strictly observed in centers where Western civilization has permeated. Railways, autos, schools, dispen-

saries, and similar institutions, which are open to all, have a leveling effect. The water supply of Calcutta brought the Hindu to face with one of the cardinal principles of his creed, which prohibited him from using any water drawn from a source touched, and hence polluted, by outcasts. The Brahmins were equal to the occasion, and a special dispensation was granted through the ordinances of caste were manifestly violated.

SCHOOLS A FACTOR

With the spread of education the same question presented itself in a less acute form, but the high-castes swallowed their pride and sent their sons to learn in the same schoolroom as their inferiors. Caste is even respected in the jails of India, where the prisoners of high caste are provided with their own cooks and their water-carriers. The Brahmin felon has every respect paid to his prejudices, but, and this is where the rub comes in; when you get the third class railway carriage you must over-ride even such tough obstacles as caste. Into it are bundled Brahmin and Pariah; they sit on the same seat; they rub elbows. It even happens that their sacred shawls mingle and this is a sacrilege. But the railway says "You must drop caste if you want to travel at a farthing a mile" and money talks, and it is dropped—but alas!—he is returned again in full force, after he is outside the station.

FORM SHACKLES

Conceive of the shackles which caste imposes upon social intercourse. What would life be if we had to consider of every person we met in the streets "Is he touchable?" Or of every man we sat down next to in a restaurant, "Is it lawful to eat meat with him?" You must realize that this caste system is not mere prejudices, discrimination or disgust. It is a binding moral law which makes the transgressor an admitted abomination. No Hindu needs another without asking the imperative question "Who are you and what is your caste?" The answer places them at once in their proper social relation to one another, for there is one thing in India about which a native of India will not lie. This is caste!

Yet Hungers To Go Back To War

No man hates war and combat conditions worse than does Private First Class George M. Harrison, paratrooper who was awarded the Silver Star. Yet, according to his statement, his sincere desire is to rejoin his old outfit at the front. He hopes this can be arranged as soon as possible.

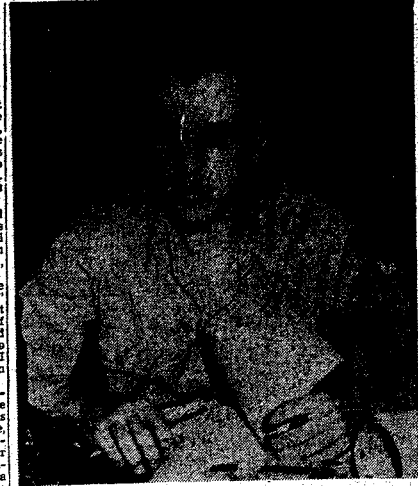
Harrison is currently assigned to the Parachute School. He was recently returned to the United States under the rotation system after having seen action in Africa, Sicily and Italy.

"I man gets to feel pretty close to the fellows he fought with," Harrison says, "and I just didn't feel right when I left them. Of course, we'd been fighting hard for over a year, and I wanted to see my folks again."

He had his visit at home in the arms of his wife and three children. Son of Lonnie and Minnie Harrison of Newton, Miss., Private First Class Harrison is 23 years old. He was inducted in June, 1942, and received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ark. After winning his wings at The Parachute School, Harrison joined the Parachute regiment at Fort Bragg, N. C. which was the most feared and respected combat teams of this war. His battalion was cited as a unit by the President for extraordinary achievements at Anzio.

During the invasion of Sicily, it was the mission of Harrison's company to block a main harbor-target of the amphibious force. One was mid-morning of D plus one when a long column of German tanks and armored vehicles were sighted. It was coming toward Gela for the obvious purpose of reinforcing the enemy there. Harrison and his 14 men who had become separated from their company. Although the blocking of this road was supposed to be a company objective, the tiny band determined to do what it could.

With bazookas, light machine-guns, tommy guns and grenades, these 14 paratroopers caused so much havoc and destruction that the Germans were delayed over two hours and suffered heavy casualties. Not until their ammunition was exhausted were the troops overcome and captured. Harrison and his men were the only ones to escape. For his part in this action, Private Harrison received the Silver Star.



SOLDIER—AUTHOR JOHN R. COMMON

G.I. Soldiers By Day, Writes Books By Night

Pvt. John R. Common, 26, resting on his father's laurels is one thing that Common, Jr., or another engineer of solid background would not tolerate. Schooling with practice, that's the creed of the profession. He attended UCLA, Wayne University, Aero ITI, and specialist training for two years with the General Motors Institute of Technology.

The practical knowledge that he is passing on to others via the printed page has been gleaned from eight years of shop experience that took him through 44 of the 48 states. During this interval he acted in the capacity of designing engineer and had some part with the conception of the M-4 tank, M-10 tank destroyer, Browning machine gun, naval guns, jeeps, motors of the Pratt-Whitney, Curtis-Wright, and Packard Marine type. This record book of him, he opened his own business, the Commonwealth Engineering Laboratories and was thus engaged for two more years.

Before induction into the service, Common served two years with the National Roster of Scientific and Specialized Personnel board, an agency set up by the government to see that technically trained men were placed in the military niche for which they were best suited.

Like every man now serving his country, he has ambitious post-war aims. He believes that the Diesel motor is still in its embryonic stages of development and that the future holds a vast improvement for this type of engine design.

"In fact," he revealed, "I have been working on a Diesel motor for the past five years that is more or less revolutionary in scope. It is of barrel type, 12-cylinder construction which should develop two-and-a-half times as much power per pound as the conventional motor of the same weight."

But all that's for tomorrow. Today there's a war to finish up and he's living the life of G.I. Joe with many a kick, and that's always a good finale to any story.

Benning Has No Work Backlog

Army Service Force headquarters and Station Complement units at Fort Benning, long strained by cuts in military personnel, are "functioning in an exemplary manner with no noteworthy backlog of work," it was said last week by Col. John O. Tarbox, acting post commander.

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is exceptionally heavy, due to a shortage in officer personnel and that many officers are doing multiple jobs.

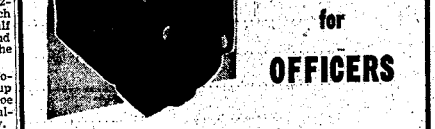
"Nonetheless," Col. Rosenberger said, "the Post Commander, General William H. Hobson, has consistently held his officers to the task of keeping up with their work and not allowing a backlog to accumulate as is evidenced by the fact that most officers now work in excess of 54 hours."

The foregoing statements were issued after Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell, CG of the Army Service Forces, had ordered ASF military and civilian personnel at his headquarters to catch up on a backlog of work.

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Army Rules On Employment Of Pregnant Women

Standards established by the Surgeon General of the Army regulating the employment of pregnant women at Army owned and operated industrial installations have now reached printed form as a War Department circular and will in due time, become formal regulations.

At the same moment, the Office of Civilian Personnel attached to the Office of the Secretary of War is preparing a circular letter embodying in general these same provisions for the remaining groups in the more than a half million women today holding full time jobs with the War Department. It is estimated that 60 per cent of this number is married and that this percentage will rise with the entrance of more wives of military personnel into such jobs.

The provisions adopted followed study of the findings on the subject made by the "United States Department of Labor and the United States Public Health Service. Army medical authorities believe the standards as concluded, represent the best available medical knowledge on the subject.

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GENERAL CRITERIA

The following is the general criteria covering the utilization of pregnant women as set forth in the War Department circular applicable to the industrial medicine program: (a) A pregnant employee should not be continued at work after the 32nd week of pregnancy; (b) The employee should not return to work until 6 weeks after delivery, and then only upon the approval of her physician; (c) Male employees should report their condition to the industrial medical department when pregnancy is determined in order that they may receive proper supervision and be safeguarded in their work; (d) A pregnant employee should report to the industrial medical department every 2 weeks at which time the nature and hours of her work will be ascertained. Any unfavorable symptom will be reported by the post surgeon, industrial medical officer, or plant nurse to the employee's physician; (e) It is inadvisable to employ pregnant women between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 a. m. and for more than 48 hours a week.

BEST PERIODS ADVISED

Where possible, two 10 minute rest periods should be arranged during the work shift; (f) Pregnant women will not be assigned to work requiring heavy lifting or strain or to work which in the opinion of the industrial medical officer or the employee's family physician would constitute a hazard to that employee; (g) Provisions for maternity care and leave should not jeopardize the employee's job or her seniority privileges unnecessarily.

Reference to the above standards is made in the stipulations of the circular letter for all personnel officials being issued by the Office of Civilian Personnel. The main points of this letter are: (1) Whenever possible without interfering with the efficiency of operations the services of employees who become pregnant after employment should be utilized to the maximum extent consistent with their condition; (2) No employee is to be asked to resign on account of pregnancy. In the event it is not possible to utilize the services of a pregnant employee she should be placed on maternity leave inclusive of a year's leave inclusive of any sick and annual leave accruing to the employee).

FANCY NAMES ON THE WAR BONDS

HARLEM, NEW YORK, N. Y. (ALNS)—Eight thousand dollars in War Bonds have been sold here by bond salesman from Philadelphia, because post office branches here refused to make out bonds in the names that have been adopted by followers of Father Divine who insisted that their angelic aliases be used on the bonds. Among the purchasers were self-named Eve Love, Seven Stars (both men), and Miss Wonderful Sincere, Faithful Child, and others with monikers just as fanciful.

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TIS All-Star Ballot

For the next few weeks, The Bayonet with other camp newspapers in Fort Benning will conduct a poll to select an ALL-STAR TEAM from among the members of The Infantry School Baseball League.

Three teams will be picked. Those picked for the first team receive five votes, for the second three and for the third one. Players with the three highest totals will be placed on the respective teams in the positions for which they were voted.

The All-Star Squad will consist of the 25 players receiving the largest total of votes for their respective positions and will include six infielders, six outfielders, three catchers and ten pitchers.

	First Team	Second Team	Third Team
First Base			
(Team)			
Second Base			
(Team)			
Third Base			
(Team)			
Shortstop			
(Team)			
Left Field			
(Team)			
Center Field			
(Team)			
Right Field			
(Team)			
Catcher			
(Team)			
Pitcher			
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Return your ballot to Sports Editor, Bayonet, at the Public Relations Office, Post Headquarters. If possible, use typewriter in filling out ballot. Otherwise, use black lead pen. Do not use ink.

Sportraits.....By "Tap"



Benning's Beau Jack Meets Bobcat Friday

When Beau Jack of Fort Benning's Reception Center and Bob Montgomery meet in Madison Square Garden's 10-rounder Friday night, the U. S. government will pay \$12,500,000 (give or take a few million) to put on the show. War Bond sales, with seats, costing from \$25 to \$100,000, are the only way you can get in, so if you buy a \$100 bond you get to see the scrap free and the government will give you \$25 for your trouble. The boys have met in three 15-rounders with the lightweight title at stake, and of the possible 135 votes (three officials for 45 rounds) Montgomery has received 67, Beau Jack 61, and seven were even. The principals get so tough, both being in the service. In the same kind of spot heavyweight champion Joe Louis said: "I'm not a fighter for my country." Lightweight champion Pvt. Bob Montgomery tipped scales at 140 1-4 pounds Tuesday while he and Pvt. Beau Jack, opponents in Friday's war bond show at Madison Square Garden, were pronounced fit by physicians for the state athletic commission. Jack tipped the beam at 144.

Wolves Howling At Rifles Door In Torrid Race

By SGT. CHUCK VOORHIS

With the last half of The Infantry School Baseball League season moving into the home stretch, the immediate picture confronting the fans is that of a two-team race—the 1st and 3d Student Training Regiments, better known as the Wolves and Rifles, respectively.

Following Tuesday night's game between the Profs and the Parachute School which was ended by rain in a stalemate before four and a half innings of play were consumed, the Rifles and Wolves held a three-game lead over the third-place Pedants. And, while that margin is not a clinching one, still it's a fairly comfortable lead at this stage of the race.

At the time the game was called, the Troopers led 0 to 0 as the result of Earl Erickson's first home run of the season. The Rifles and Wolves wound up their respective games virtually even terms, the former holding first place by a matter of percentage points. One setback for the Rifles, however, came with a tie to second place.

FITCHING AGAIN

Pitching highlighted the play of the last week although the Wolves did uncork some potent out-pitching against the 3d Infantry—19 hits.

Ewell Blackwell went a whole week without chucking up a victory. He did it against the 4th Infantry but retired after two frames with a sore arm. However, he came back against the Parachute School, the role of an outfielder and laced a timely single that helped the Rifles beat the Troopers, 8 to 7, in ten innings.

Cliff Carlson of the Wolves defeated the 4th Infantry, 7 to 0, in the second game of the season, both of which were over the Cockades. The latter, however, managed to hold fifth place because the Paratroopers continued to lose, dropping three in a row while gaining one tie.

The 4th Infantry Raiders' losing streak has now reached four straight. The Rifles have taken their last three while the Wolves have won two in a row.

3RD VS. PROFS

Tonight, it's the 3d Infantry vs. the Academic Regiment at Gowdy Field and tomorrow night at Todd Field, the 4th and 5th Infantry will ride on the same spree with no losses.

The 3d STR-3d Infantry game scheduled for Stroup Field Sunday has been shifted to Gowdy Field starting at 1:30 while in the evening, the 5th Infantry opposes the Parachute School. Sunday afternoon, at Todd Field, the Profs and the 4th Infantry will meet again.

PTR Officers On Win Spree

The ten old men of the Second Parachute Training Regiment's Officer softball team are currently riding on a ten game spree with no losses.

Wielding lusty clubs and keeping the play tight and fast, the "Oldsters of the Brass" have not only defeated every ball club in their regimental league, but have twice taken the nod over the best Parachute Training Regiment Officers.

Able led by Lieutenant Colonel Charles W. Rich, who is blasting a whole lot of 438 with the trusty stick, and Lieutenant James F. Turner, area moustache, who is breezing along with a win for each of his ten starts, the senior paratroopers have displayed an abundance of spirit and have established themselves as favorites to cop the play-off despite the still opposition of such capable ball clubs as the Second Academic and the improved aggregation of the 8th Battalion.

Supervised and equipped by the Special Service Office, the league has been an official ball game for the men of the Alameda area.

Official Averages, Due Next Thursday Will Aid Balloting

In connection with the selection of the All-Star team which will get underway with the publication in this issue of an official ballot, fans who are not personally familiar with all of the players in the Infantry School circuit, made some help from the official averages, covering the first ten games of the season.

These averages will appear next week in the Bayonet and other camp newspapers. The Academic Regiment Mirror, the 3d Infantry Cook, the 4th Infantry Gunfire, the 3d Student Training Regiment Shaveball, the 5th Infantry Shield and the Fort Benning Herald.



HEADING FOR CHICAGO and the annual College All-Star game with the Chicago Bears are three Benning gridders pictured during one of their afternoon workouts in Doughboy Stadium. The burly linemen are George Hecht (ex-Alabama) and Clyde Johnson (ex-Kentucky) of the 4th Infantry, while the ball-carrier is Bill Reinhardt (ex-California) of the 3rd Infantry. (Signal Lab Photo by Corp. Tony Carrington.)

4th Infantry Gridders Had Rugged Time In Aleutians

Dick "Shorty" Lanas, guard on the 4th Infantry Raider football team, began his football career in the College playing tackle for the All-American team. Lanas is a 190-pound, Lanas is nevertheless a rugged boy. He is "short" as his name implies, husky and speedy. Among teammates while playing high school ball Lanas was known as "Muscles"—and concerning Lanas the nickname was certainly not derisive as he will demonstrate next football season.

One of the men of the Raider football team who has seen action in the Aleutians is Lanas. Lanas joined the 4th Infantry shortly after his induction in to the army. He took his basic training at Camp Robert, Alaska, and then he was assigned to the "Fourth." He was assigned to Company H, 4th Infantry, while the regiment was still stationed in Alaska.

MOVED TO NOME

Shortly after Japanese aircraft bombed Dutch Harbor in June, 1942, the Second Battalion was ordered to pack up in preparation for the movement to Nome. The second Battalion's flight to Nome was up to that date, the largest Airborne "troop" movement since the war. Lanas made the trip with a squad of the 81 MM section of Company H.

There were six of us in the plane," said Lanas. "It was a huge Douglas transport. Most of the space was taken up with guns, ammunition, and other equipment. There was no room for us. I never saw such a difference in my life. Through the comparative liveliness of the men, we had flown in three hours to the most desolate, lonely looking place I ever laid eyes on. It was cold and dark."

LIFE PLENTY RUGGED

Life was plenty rugged for Lanas and the other doggies in Nome. Driving a truck, "Muscles" muscled his way through the worst driving terrain in Alaska. The roads were nothing but cleared lanes over otherwise impassable land of muskeg, rock, or tundra.

"I didn't drill much," said Lanas. "Most of my time was taken up with driving. We drove through blizzards and got stuck repeatedly. There were storms that would come up without warning."

SNOWBLIND FOR WEEK

Lanas did not get through the Nome campaign unscathed. On one occasion he was struck snow-blind for over a week. On another occasion during a maneuver Lanas was driving a jeep behind a marching column. Lacking the circulation of walking, Lanas' eyes became frozen two days following Lanas' "sweated out" an amputation.

"The cold was one of the toughest obstacles to building the base," said Lanas. "I remember one occasion when the temperature dropped suddenly from five degrees below zero to twenty-five below. It happened so suddenly that about ninety had been caught out unprepared. They had to be brought back to the quarters, most of them suffering varying degrees of frostbite. As other truck drivers and myself were driving men back to camp, a blizzard came up—and that didn't help matters at all."

MOVED TO ADAK

After a year in Nome, Lanas moved down the Aleutian chain to the island of Adak with the rest of the Battalion. He drove a truck on Adak, where storms made roads slushy and treacherous to drivers, or where a sudden cold wave would freeze the road surfaces and make them as slick as ice. There were plenty of casual-

Californian Refutes East-South Claim Of Superiority On Track

By PVT. TOM JUDGE Sports Editor, The Bayonet

A few weeks ago the sports page of The Bayonet contained a headline, "East Vs. West in Track. Former Louisville Sports Writer Proves East Supreme."

Underneath that headline was an article written by Maj. Cameron Coffman, former sports writer of The Louisville Times. The major's exposition was very interesting—and definitely within the realms of controversy. The article became particularly controversial when it failed to mention California track athletes as internationally known as Harold Davis, Clyde Jeffery, Elroy Robinson, Archie Williams and many others whose names will be mentioned in subsequent paragraphs.

The article contended that the great track and field stars do not all come from California—and the Major was right! This writer, with the help of another loyal Californian, checked the records, and as a result, magnanimously concedes that the combined track and field prowess of the 45 other states in the nation might compare favorably with California's. Washington and Oregon, as two far western states, are not included in this debate. Major Coffman's article definitely pointed at California.

"Look at the records," wrote the Major. Well, we didn't even have to look at the records in order to recall great names unmentioned in the Major's article. OWENS' GREATEST? Jesse Owens was praised in the article—and deservedly. Owens was one of the greatest track athletes who ever lived. He held the distinction of being "the world's fastest human." Then along came a youngster named Harold Davis. Davis was running the hundred in 9.7 when competing for the United High School, Morgan Hill, California. He later attended Salinas Junior College. While competing in Junior College competition he tied the world's record in the hundred yard dash several times, but for various reasons involving officialdom, Davis' record was not accepted. He went ahead, however, to win the hundred and the 220 in various national track meets.

In 1942 Davis tied Owens' record for the 100 meters at 10.2 seconds. He also has an unofficial mark of 9.2 seconds for the hundred yarder, which was made at the Fresno West Coast Relays the same year. Davis' 100 meter record is now awaiting the end of the war for international recognition. Major Coffman's article emphasized the speed of Owens by mentioning that the Negro once outran a thoroughbred horse. So can Davis. So can Clyde Jeffery, of Stanford, whose name also went unmentioned in the Major's article. So can Frank Wykoff and Bob Kessel—and Red Dyer!

Clyde Jeffery, Stanford's famous sprinter of 1940, tied the world's record of 9.4 seconds in the hundred yard dash. With the record of Davis, Jeffery's 100 yard record is also awaiting the end of the war for recognition by the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

"The hurdlers," wrote Major Coffman, "have outdone anything the west has had to offer." It is true that the field of hurdlers is larger in the east and south than in California; however, the field of hurdlers is not limited to the ICAAAA record in the 220 yards and 200 meter hurdles are held by Earl Vickery of the University of Southern California. There are also other names that have blossomed into sport legends concerning hurdlers—names such as Gus Meir of Stanford and Sammy Klopstock and Leroy Kirkpatrick of San Nastro Junior College.

Concerning millers, California will give the nod to the Cunningham, Hulse, Benhousen and Venekes—however, not forgetting that Louie Zameral of U. S. C. holds the ICAAAA record in both the mile and two-mile runs.

Polevaulting is so indigenous to California that it is no need of digging into the records. To recall other great names besides The Master, Cornelius Warner, there is an expansive field of vaulters who have cleared better than 14 feet, 3 inches, included in this lot are Earl Meadows, Bill Setford and Bill Graber of U. S. C. Bill Miller of Stanford, and George Varoff of Oregon U., who hails from San Francisco. Varoff was vaulting at 14 feet when competing for Balboa High School, San Francisco. Bud Deacon of Stanford was another 14-foot vaulter.

CARE UNDER 14 FT.

Major Coffman mentions, among the galaxy of Eastern track stars, one Robin Carr. Carr was a very good vaulter at Yale University a few years back, but he never did attain the height of 14 feet, although he won the 1928 Olympic Games championship, with a winning jump of 13 feet, 9 1/2 inches. Carr was undoubtedly a

Donkey Baseball Game Set Tuesday at Gowdy

Fort Benning sports fans will be treated to a rare evening of laughter next Tuesday night when a Donkey Baseball game is played at Gowdy Field. Announcement of this outstanding attraction was made early this week by Lt. Col. Alexander E. Vessery, post athletic officer.

The trained burros will be brought here by a commercial concern, and the game will be drawn from local talent. The entire game is played with the players and umpires astride donkeys. To date, the rival teams have not been announced, but it is expected that the game will be an all-colored affair with Peanute Davis and the Reception Center Tigers meeting another team from the Service League.

Starting time will be 7:30 p. m. and admission, as usual, will be free.

14th Infantry Bows To Lawson Fielders

Pounding out 14 hits the Lawson Field Flyers defeated the 14th Infantry, 7-3, at Gowdy Field behind the clutch pitching of "Pop" Camerlengo who won his 6th straight game against no losses.

"Pop" was touched for 10 hits and 44 walks but proved effective in the pinches to hold the Infantry men to 3 runs. After striking out the first batter for the showers as the next four men singled and failed to account for 2 runs, however, he settled down to allow just one run in the 6th for their total of 3.

Scoring 1 run in each of the 1st and second and 2 in the third the Flyers were ahead 4-2, enough to win.

The Flyers added runs in the 6th and 7th and 8th for their total of seven. Smith, Boggs, and Silverman with 3 hits apiece provided the batting punch for Lawson. Hornman, Davis, and Savitsky had 2 apiece for the losers.

THURSDAY, AUG. 3RD

Baseball—Infantry School League
3rd Infantry vs. Academic Regt. at Gowdy (7:30)
Baseball—Service League
Columbus Stars vs. 3rd STR at Stroup (6:30)

FRIDAY, AUG. 4TH

Baseball—Infantry School League
4th Infantry vs. 5th Infantry at Todd (6:30)
Baseball—Exhibition
71st Division Artillery vs. 14th Infantry at Gowdy (7:30)

SATURDAY, AUG. 5TH

Baseball—Service League
3rd STR vs. 1st STR at Gowdy (7:30)
SUNDAY, AUG. 6TH

Baseball—Infantry School League
3rd STR vs. 3rd STR at Gowdy (1:30)
Academic Regt. vs. 4th Infantry at Todd (2:00)
5th Infantry vs. Prcht. School at Gowdy (2:30)

MONDAY, AUG. 7TH

Baseball—Infantry School League
1st STR vs. Prcht. School at Gowdy (7:30)
TUESDAY, AUG. 8TH

Donkey Baseball Game at Gowdy Field (7:30)
Softball—Post League
3rd Infantry at Academic Regt. (6:45)
Prcht. School at 1st STR (6:45)

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 9TH

Baseball—Infantry School League
4th Infantry vs. 3rd STR at Todd (6:30)
Baseball—Columbus Str. League
Lawson Field vs. Columbus Mig. Co. at Gowdy (7:30)

Baseball—Service League

Columbus Stars vs. 3rd STR at Stroup (6:30)

66th Infantry Nine Downs Rucker Rival

The 66th Infantry baseballers emerged victorious in their third straight game Saturday night at Gowdy Field with a 12-1 margin over Camp Rucker, Alabama. The 66th Infantry, hailing from the 71st Division nine, gave up seven scattered hits and whiffed 10 batters while his cohorts knocked two visiting chukkers from the mound with 16 blows. Bob Bowles, former University of California center fielder, paced the winners at the plate with four hits in five tries.

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